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Administrative Notice

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SPOT AWARD AMOUNT INCREASES TO \$750

1. PURPOSE

This Notice informs Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP) offices of an increase to the maximum Spot Award amount.

2. BACKGROUND

The Department's Office of Human Capital Management has increased the maximum net amount of a spot award from \$500 to \$750. The National Finance Center has completed the changes required in the Payroll/Personnel System so that spot awards not to exceed \$750 can now be processed and paid for Agricultural Marketing Service; Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration employees.

The criteria for spot awards remain the same. The same level of justification required for spot awards in the past is also sufficient for the new maximum amount. For USDA's Criteria for the Spot Awards Program, see <http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/webSpotAwards.htm>.

This change will be reflected in future updates to awards policy and guidance issuances.

3. INQUIRIES

- a. Direct questions concerning this Notice to Evelyn Burton on 202-720-3010.
- b. This Notice can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/admin_notices/ and the AMS Administrative Issuances home page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/issuances/>

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